Mr. K. G. Nayar.—(b). Cannot the Government devise some other means than this to distinguish these two classes of prisoners?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Government have not considered it till now.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Was the attention of the Government drawn to this fact by the Jail Committee which was appointed by the Government?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I want notice.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Does the Government think that ankle ring is an absolute necessity in such cases?

President.—It is a matter of opinion.

Ward boys in the Jail Hospital.

40. **Mr. K. G. Nayar.**—(a). Are ther e ward boys attached to the dispensary located within the Central Jail;

(b) who is now doing the work done by ward boys in the Hospitals and Dispensaries in general;

(c) whether such convicts while dressing patients handle surgical instruments and poisonous stuff?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—

(a) No

(b) Reliable convicts.

(c) No.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—(b). May I know whether these reliable convicts have had anything to do in the hospital previous to their conviction?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I should think no.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Is it safe to entrust such people with the dressing of wounds on the prisoners or convicts in the Jail?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—They are not allowed to do the work themselves. They are properly supervised by competent persons.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Can the Government substitute one or two boys in place of these convicts to do such work?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I can only say that the Member's suggestion will be noted.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Are these ward boys properly doing the work now? Were there any complaints?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Not to our knowledge.

Scheme for making the Jail self-supporting.

41. **Mr. K. G. Nayar.**—What is the sort of work turned out by the convicts;

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